



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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S. 54

A bill to amend the National Trails System Act to require the Secretary of the Interior to update the feasibility and suitability studies of four national historic trails

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on February 16, 2005*

S. 54 would direct the Department of the Interior to update the feasibility studies of four national historic trails to include numerous shared routes, cutoff trails, and other trail segments. (The four trails affected are the Oregon, Pony Express, California, and Mormon Pioneer National Historic Trails.) The bill would require the department to report its findings on the potential trail additions within three years of receiving funding for the studies.

Assuming the availability of appropriated funds, CBO estimates that it would cost about \$160,000 over the next three years to conduct all of the required studies of trail segments specified by the bill. The legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues.

S. 54 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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